

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, In the United States, one person completes suicide every 13.7 minutes; and,

Whereas, It is estimated that 4.78 million people in the United States have lost a loved one to suicide; and,

Whereas, Suicide is the 10th leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the 9th leading cause of all deaths in the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, In 2012, the HELP!Line Center in South Dakota answered 916 suicide-related calls through 2-1-1 and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255); and,

Whereas, Community mental health centers across South Dakota offer mental health treatment services to people at risk and their families; and,

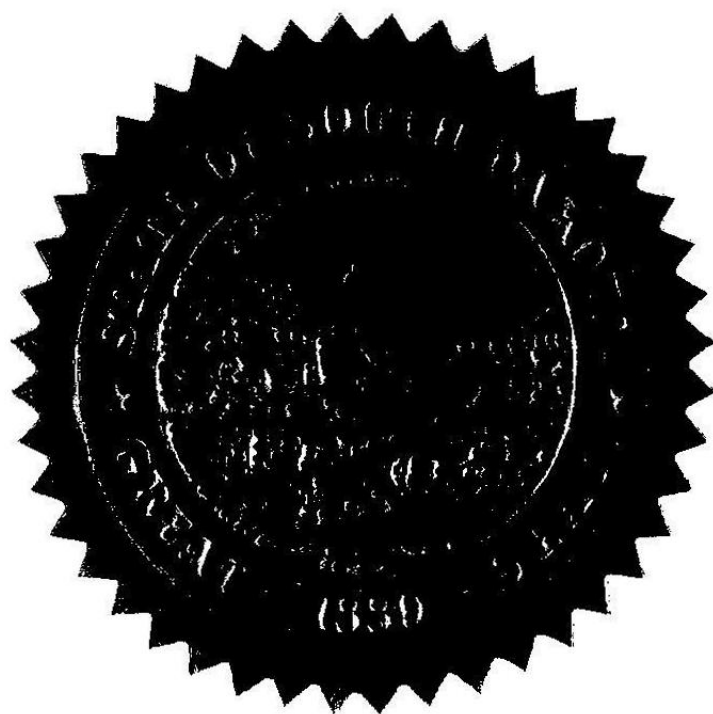
Whereas, Communities in South Dakota can work to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and suicidality, and encourage people at risk to seek life-saving help:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 8 – 14, 2013, as

SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.



Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Patricia K Miller Deputy

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State